SUMMARY OF THE THESIS ENTITLED, “IMMIGRATION FROM INDIA AND ITS IMPLICATIONS: A SOCIO-LEGAL STUDY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO STATE OF PUNJAB

Immigration is a historical evolutionary phenomenon arising from the unsatisfied deliberations of individuals accumulating over the times. The present research work is aimed at analyzing the various aspects relating to this phenomenon which gave rise to unending social and legal implications. This study is mainly focused on a recently formed category of individuals which we call ‘Overseas Indians’ and their impact on the native State as well as the State they adopt. Citizens of India who have migrated to foreign countries have excelled in every walk of life and have brought laurels to our country by their contributions overseas. People migrate from India in the lure of money and better opportunities. But when they reach abroad they find themselves in a land of sufferings and they happily sacrifice their life to set a framework for their next generation. Through the present study, an attempt has been made to create awareness amongst the masses that where there are benefits of immigration there exist drawbacks as well in the form of loss of society, culture and position. An attempt has already been initialized by the Government of India and the respective State Governments to tie the Overseas Indians back to their motherland, number of initiatives has been taken for their benefit, steps have been taken to bring about social, economic and legal reforms. But still there is lot of gap between the source and the destination.

The present research work is based on substantive as well as empirical study. The empirical study was confined to the State of Punjab. For corroboration of the existing facts on various aspects of immigration, data was collected through the semi structured interviews conducted throughout the State of Punjab. Suggestions were made for introducing certain changes in the existing laws to further facilitate the immigrants. Infact, it is this process of flow of individuals from one country to another which has brought about globalization in the whole world by creating doors between the boundaries of nations, thus bringing the whole world under one umbrella. In this context, the need of the hour is to recognize those who are responsible for it and facilitate them for further development.